<viii) The Transport Department, Government of Delhi had, between March, 1390 and November, 1993, checked approimately 11,59' Wth vehicles.

(ix) Private petrol pumps and workshops numbering 120 have been authorised by the Department of Franspon., Govt of Delhi for pollution, checking tuning of polluting vehicles and issuance of Pollution under Con-'trol Certificates. Approximately. 12,01 lakh vehicles have availed this facility between |uty, 1990 and November 1993. Of (hose, 3.25 lakh polluting vehicles have been turnd and pollu tion emitted from these vehicles have been brougb* within the proscribed standards. ,

(.x) It has been decided to introduce unleaded p&trol in Delhi from April' 1, 1995, for new four wheeler petrol driven vehicles fitted with catalytic converters.

Environment clearance of New Coal Mines

1094. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR ACARWALLA: Will the Minister of EN-VIRONMENT \ND FOREST'S be pleased to state:

(a) whether.any guidelines have been Framed regarding quality of coal, particu-larly with reference to the ash content, for according environmental clearances for new coa! mines.

...(b) if so, (he iLuiils thereof and weight- :.o the ash conteni M)al while according environmental clea-rances;

- (c) if not, the reasons therefor, keeping in view that high ash content coal • ends to pollute the environment:

(d) whether any action has been taken or contemplated t° stop mining of such quality of coal which has ash content or more than a specified limit; an^

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE. OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS. (SHRI KAMAL NATH): va) No, Sir.

ib) Does not arise.

(c) Keeping in view that high ash ..content coal tends to pollute the environ ment, several stringent condition-being stipulated to minimise the adverse impacts while according environmental clearance.

<*d)* No, Sir.

(.e) Indian coals by their very nature have a higher ash content compared to those from many countries. It is, therefore, not adviseable to make any stipulations *in* this regard.

Use of Aircraft frum UNDP

1095. SHRI V. GUPALSAMY; Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

'a) how many aircrafts Government took froia UNDP in the past;

(b) rne details of these aircrafts and the RflrBpse for which each aircraft-, was Used in tb'; past;

bow many aircrafts' are presently left with Goveitteent; and

(d) v/!ii;if]'jr there had been any los. of aircraft in Uie pasti if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THB MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests ..received one helicopter and one airplane from UNDP, the details Of which are as under:

1. Lama Helicopter VT-ELY

2 Piper Seneca ITC Airplane VT-E'OZ.

These aircrafts were acquired by the Ministry as part of a UNDP—assisted" project on Modern Forest Fire Control Methods. The project came to an end ia 1990-91, and the aircrafts continued to